

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Douglas R. McPherson

**Application No.:** 10/579,004

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**For:** SHAPED SLOT VACUUM  
DEWATERING BOX COVER

**Group:** 1791

**Examiner:** Eric J. Hug

**Our File:** AJE-2.209.1US

**Date:** January 6, 2009

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the Office Action dated August 6, 2008, and is being submitted with an appropriate request for extension of time.

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as noted in detail below.